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Regional Approaches to Multilateral Cooperation
in the Area of Long-term Cross-border Investment,
Particularly Foreign Direct Investment
Geneva, 10–12 June 2002
Item 2 of the provisional agenda

PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND ANNOTATIONS

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1. Election of officers

2. Adoption of the agenda

3. Experiences with bilateral and regional approaches to multilateral cooperation in the area of long-term cross-border investment, particularly foreign direct investment

4. Adoption of the report of the meeting

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II. Annotations to the provisional agenda

Item 1: Election of officers

1. It is recommended that the Expert Meeting elect a Chairperson and a Vice-Chairperson-cum-Rapporteur.

Item 2: Adoption of the agenda

2. The provisional agenda for the meeting is in section I above. A detailed programme will be available one week before the meeting.

Documentation

TD/B/COM.2/EM.11/1 Provisional agenda and annotations

Item 3: Experiences with bilateral and regional approaches to multilateral cooperation in the area of long-term cross-border investment, particularly foreign direct investment

3. The Commission on Investment, Technology and Related Financial Issues decided to convene an Intergovernmental Expert Group Meeting on Experiences with Bilateral and Regional Approaches to Multilateral Cooperation in the Area of Long-term Cross-border Investment, Particularly Foreign Direct Investment within the framework of the Commission on Investment, Technology and Related Financial Issues.

4. This Expert Meeting could shed light on the issue of the implications of closer multilateral cooperation in the area of cross-border investment, particularly foreign direct investment (FDI), for the development policies and objectives of developing countries. More specifically, the Meeting will undertake a stocktaking of common elements and experiences with bilateral and regional approaches and other initiatives in this area, and outline the challenges that have emerged in negotiations and approaches. It will also focus on the evolution of these approaches in the national, regional and international context, with a view to highlighting common and different elements in them and addressing how the development dimension has been and could be taken into account.

5. To facilitate the discussions, the UNCTAD secretariat has prepared an issues note on Experience with Bilateral and Regional Approaches to Multilateral Cooperation in the Area of Long-term Cross-border Investment, Particularly Foreign Direct Investment (TD/B/COM.2/EM.11/2). In addition, experts are encouraged to prepare brief papers on the subject under discussion. These papers will be made available at the meeting in the form and language in which they are received.

Documentation

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Item 4: Adoption of the report of the meeting

6. The report of the Expert Meeting will be submitted to the Commission on Investment, Technology and Related Financial Issues at its next session. The Expert Meeting may wish to authorize the Rapporteur, under the authority of the Chairperson, to prepare the final report after the conclusion of the meeting.